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Late on Sunday Evening a Person came to my House and presented Letters of Credit from a John Taylor as Command of His Majesty's Ship Triton desiring the Bearer Sciut: - John Andrews might be furnished with a Sum necessary to give him the quickest conveyance to London, he being charged with dispatches for the Admiralty of the utmost consequence.

His Story respecting his being set on shore, Behaviour and appearance, with the well chosen Time of Night, and his hearty inclinations I felt to do service to the Cause all conspired so as to prevent me from making any Out Door enquiry, taking his Draft for £10 agreeably to his Letters, - and immediately sending him off in a Post Chaise for Town - I have no Time to be particular & sent you this to prevent further attempts for imposition, having traced his Route several Stages North.

His dress the Uniform of the Navy, except Grey or white Hosiery or Cloth Pantaloon, Black Velvet Sword Belt, handsome embossed Silver Breast Plate, Hanger and a Sword Stick - (of the sort formed by the intestines of Animals put loosely over the hand and wrapt with cords till dry giving a knotted appearance) it had lost the collar or Hoop at the joint, he is five feet nine Inches high, well proportioned of dark Complexion, black eyes about 26 years of Age & is a handsome Man with the ^{and} looks and appearance of what he pretends to be and I am convinced has been in the service - I am Sir
 Your most Obedt Servant
 Wm. Howard Esq.

Custom Ho. Boston 22 Aug^r
 1798.

Admiralty Office, ¹⁴ 7th Sept^r 1798

Sir

Captain Diller of His Majesty's Ship Madras having in his Letter to me, dated at Sea the 3rd February last, transmitted a Copy of the Correspondence which had passed between him and the Attorney General of Grenada, respecting the payment of Wages due to several Men who had entered on board the said Ship at that Island, from the Hannah, Guinea Ship of Liverpool, and at the same time complained of the Conduct of the Attorney General towards him on that occasion; I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to send you herewith

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John King Esq^r

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a copy of such part of the Papers
above mentioned as relate to the
Conduct of the Attorney General, for
the information of the Duke of
Portland. I am,

Sir,

Your most humble servant

Edw. Peper

Copy

Madras, at Sea 3 Feb 1799

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Sir,

I troubled you with a letter
dated 14th Dec^r last, enclosing an
Extract of a letter from the Attorney
General of Grenada and copy of my
answer, requesting you to lay
them before the Lords Commissioners
of the Admiralty

I had just at that time received
a number of Volunteers from an
Guinea Ship, and as the Master
would not pay them as I thought
just, I gave the business to the
Attorney General, and on parting
with him at his House, I requested
him to send the Bills he should
receive home at Trinidad, which
he promised; from that moment
I never heard one word from
him until my duty called me to
St George the 1st Inst^t when I waited

upon

an African Ship

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upon him and asked the reason
he slightly said he had not
done any thing for the ship had
sailed as soon as myself, I
answered that then I had not
any thing to do but to state the
matter to the Admiralty, he said
I was very welcome for that he
did not care if he never corre-
sponded with them again, I
asked if he wished I should
relate that answer also, he said
certainly if I please - I should
give you with extracts of his letters
and mind to lay before their
Lordships, and I trust they will
judge whether his implied
threats to me, is becoming His
Majesty's Officer. - I am &c

John Dilke
Captain

22^d Dec^r 1797

Sir

I am applied to in behalf
of the Master of a Guinea ship lying
in this Road, who thro' stopping here
only in his way to Jamaica, is
detained by you for payment of
the wages of some of his sailors
whom you have Impressed, this
it is stated he is totally incapable
of, in the manner you require,
which is in Cash; he not having
Credit from his Owners on any
Merchant here, but that he has
offered you Bills of Exchange to
the full Amount upon his Owners
and it is upon this statement
that I now take the liberty of
addressing you - far be it from
my intention at this time to set
up the strict right of Exemption
established by a British Act of
Parliament

Parliament in favor of the Merchants
and Traders in the Colonies from
having their Sailors Impressed,
against the necessity which I am
well aware, prevails in this part
of the world, of a large supply of
Seamen for His Majesty's Service
nor is the Impressing his Men
the hardship of which the Master
of the Guinea Ship does, or his
Owners (if here) would complain
but surely, Sir, it is unwarrantable
upon any ground, as well as
illegal to detain a ship proceeding
upon her Voyage, to the probable
damage of her Owner in a very
extensive degree, a ship too
which must more severely feel
the loss of her Men from the
circumstances, as I am informed
of having the Small-pox and
Measles amongst so numerous
Cargo as five hundred Negroes
which

which must necessarily require
great care and attention to them.

Tho' my professional line of
Duty upon an application of this
nature, might require another mode
of address, yet my respect for the
service of the Navy would not
allow it, and the confidence I have
in your compliance with the
reasonable request it contains
will, I have no doubt justify it.

I have &c.

A. Cha. Adye.

Admiralty Office, 10th Sept^r 1798.

Sir,

Admiral Peyton, Commander
in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in
the Downs, having by his Letter
of yesterday's date, acquainted me
that Captain Lawford of the
Romney had received Information
of a Prussian Vessel which left Dunkirk
on the 5th Instant, that a small
Merchant Brig had sailed from
thence with Ammunition for
Ireland, and was supposed to have
got into Flushing; I am commanded
by my Lords Commissioners of the
Admiralty to acquaint you therewith
for the information of the Duke of
Portland. I am

Sir, Your most humble Servant

William Wickham Esq^r

Wm Keenan

Extract of a Letter from
Sir James Craufurd to
Lord Grenville, Hamburgh
21st Aug. 1798.

They write from Brest
that a division of seven Frigates &
one Ship of the Line is ready to
sail with 3000 Men for Ireland, &
that a second Squadron is preparing.

Admiralty Office ¹⁴ Sept. 1798

Sir

Admiral Peyton Comm^r
in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in the
Donnes having transmitted to my Lords
Commissioners of the Admiralty an
Extract of a Letter he had received from
Capt Lawford of the Romney stating
that a Brig had sailed from Dunkirk
with Arms & Ammunition on board
supposed for the use of the Enemy in
Ireland; I am commanded by their

Lordsships to send you herewith a Copy of
the said Paper for the information of the
(Duke of Portland, their Lordships having
reason to be of opinion that the Vessel above-
mentioned is the Anacreon. I am

Sir Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Evan Neave

Wm Wickham Esq

Extract of a Letter from
 Cap.^t Lawford of the Romney
 to Admiral Peyton dated
 off Gravelines 9.th Sep.^r 1798.

I beg leave to acquaint you
 I have just received information from
 a Prussian Galliot who left Dunkirk
 yesterday, that a small Merchant Brig
 laden wth Cannon Ammunition &c.^a sailed
 from Dunkirk on Wednesday last
 the 5.th ins.^t it was said for Ireland.

On that day it blew strong
 to the Westward, but before day light
 the next morning little Wind, variable,
 & inclinable to Calm, which continued
 till the afternoon, when a Breeze
 sprung up Easterly & has continued
 ever since; She therefore can have made
 no progress and is, I should imagine
 put into some Port in Holland,
 and probably not further than Flushing.

His

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His Majesty's Ships *Pomona*
Unity & *Ariadne* with the *Resolution*
and *Sandwich* were in sight of *W*
Capel on Wednesday noon, the *Cutter*
and *Lugger* close in shore, the *Savvy*
& *Terrace* immediately off *Dunbar*,
and the *Harpy* & a *Cutter* attached
her, between us: The Merchant
abovementioned must therefore have
gone thro' the *Whirlings* & as I
understand there is a passage of
13 feet Water within *Walcheren* to
Helvoet it is probable she has
gone thro' there: I shall send some
small cruizers off *Fleeting* to
endeavour to obtain information of
her, & should you approve thereof
I will dispatch something off the
Fleet of *Holland* to give information
to Lord *Duncan's* Cruizers that may
be stationed there.

Admiralty Office, 14 Sept 1798

Sir,

Admiral Peyton, Commander
in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in
the Downs having in his Letter
to me of the 12th Instant transmitted
the Copy of an Order which had
been given by Captain Lawford
of the Romney to Lieutenant
Compton Commanding His Majesty's
Brig the Pilote, taking under his
Orders the Ferrier Armed Brig, —
for the purpose of intercepting a
Brig laden with Cannon, Ammunition
&c which was supposed to have sailed
from Dunkirk, and to be destined for
Ireland; I have their Lordships
Commands to send you herewith
a Transcript of the said Order for

William Wickham Esq^r

The

the information of His Grace the Duke
of Portland.

I am,

Sir,

Your most humble Servant

Evan Nepean

Admiralty Office 14th Sept. 1798.

Sir,

Having laid before my
 Lord's Commissioners of the Admiralty
 your Letter of the 13th Inst. respect-
 ing the convey of the *Minerva* Convict
 Ship now at Cork to the distance
 therein mentioned upon her Voyage to
 New South Wales; I am commanded
 by their Lordships to acquaint you
 that the Public Service will not admit
 of their appropriating a Convey for that
 Ship in the present moment;

And am

Sir,

Your most humble Servant

Evan Nevean

John King Esq^r

Copy

Doodicea, Sept. 18th 1841
S. B. E. 4 leagues

Sir

Finding the cutter has made but very small progress in her passage during the night, that it will not detain her half an hour and may possibly be satisfactory to their Lordships to know that I have not yet (tho' the weather is pretty clear discovered) seen the Fleet I have run to her for the purpose of sending this Letter on board - Tho' my Letter which was written in much haste, I do not recollect any thing of consequence that was omitted - It may likewise be necessary to observe that altho' my Order to Captain Bunningham specified generally Ireland, it was nevertheless determined that he should by all means consider the

Evan Spearman Esq

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making Cape Clear where I understood
 it was probable he would fall in with
 some of our Ships, a primary object
 unless subsequent Information or
 Improvements should arise, and under
 such an object of less magnitude. For
 the better reconciling the Orders and
 Letter I enclosed It may likewise be
 necessary to observe that untill I fell in
 with Captain Cunningham, I had
 no reason to conclude so determinately
 that the Enemies Ships were bound to
 Ireland. - Concluding the Fleet
 must have been forced to the Eastward
 in the late Gale or that it has put
 into Forbay, I shall proceed to look for
 it accordingly. I am &c

R. J. Keats

Admiralty Office, 24th Sept 1798

Sir

Having laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your Letter to me of the 8th Instant, inclosing by the direction of the Duke of Portland a Letter to you from Colonel Brownrigg, with a Petition to His Royal Highness the Duke of York from some Prisoners of War at Norman Cross, who are Natives of Germany; I have their Lordships Commands to acquaint you, for His Grace's Information, that orders have been given for the release of the several persons in question. I am,

S^t

Sir

I herewith return the Papers which accompanied your said Letter.

Your most humble Serv^t
Evan Kepear

William Wickham Esq^r